



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 05-49

August 5, 2005

Petition of Blackstone Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A, for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of a three-year gas supply contract with Amerada Hess Corporation.

On July 25, 2005, Blackstone Gas Company ("Blackstone" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for approval of a three-year gas supply contract with Amerada Hess Corporation ("Amerada"). Blackstone states that under the proposed contract, which is expected to commence on November 1, 2005, Amerada will supply the Company's total firm and interruptible gas requirements. Blackstone also states that the Amerada contract provides sufficient gas supply for additional customer load growth. Specifically, the Company states that Amerada will supply 2,000 MMBtu/day of gas, which Blackstone states is adequate to serve its current load plus growth. The contract is subject to the Department's jurisdiction pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A because the contract covers a period in excess of one year. The Department has docketed Blackstone's petition as D.T.E. 05-49.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above, or submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 22, 2005. The Department will conduct a procedural conference immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 22, 2005. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and three (3) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy - One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's counsel, Andrew J. Newman, Esq., Rubin and Rudman LLP, 50 Rowes Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-3319.

Please submit a copy of all nonproprietary written pleadings, comments, or petitions to intervene to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and john.geary@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 05-49); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be formatted as either Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF compatible files. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

A copy of the Blackstone's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public viewing during business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Copies are also on file for public viewing at Blackstone's offices, 61 Main Street, Blackstone, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Blackstone's counsel, Andrew J. Newman, Esq., at (617) 330-7031. Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice should contact the Hearing Officer, John J. Geary at (617) 305-3500.



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Blackstone Gas Company ("Blackstone" or "Company") shall, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to Tuesday, August 23, 2005, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing ("Notice") in the Woonsocket Call of Rhode Island. Blackstone shall also serve a copy of the Notice on the service list in Blackstone Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-73 (2004), at least fourteen (14) days prior to Tuesday, August 23 2005; and make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary